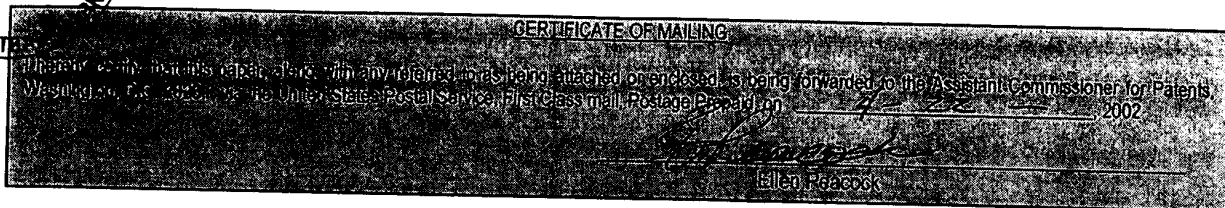


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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims:

82. (New) The composition of claim 63 wherein said aqueous solution is a brine.
83. (New) The composition of claim 64 wherein said aqueous solution is a brine.
84. (New) The composition of claim 63 wherein
said demulsifying amount of said 2-propanamine salt of dodecyl benzene sulfonic
acid is from about 1 wt.% to about 40 wt.%;